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Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command, presents Maj. Douglas Smith, U.S. Forces Azores, J6, with the Meritorious Service Medal. Gehman visited Lajes Tuesday and Wednesday. It was his first visit since taking command of U.S. ACOM.

CINC U.S. Atlantic Command takes first visit to Lajes Field

SSgt. Rosaire Bushey
Editor

The Commander in Chief of U.S. Atlantic Command, Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., visited Lajes Tuesday and Wednesday as part of an orientation tour of ACOM units. The admiral took over the position from Marine Gen. John Sheehan.

"I've been tremendously impressed by the capabilities I've seen during my short stay here at Lajes," Gehman said. "There is a tight knit joint community here working under some remote conditions and everyone is doing an exceptional job."

Gehman said that the role Lajes plays in not only Atlantic Command, but for the United States in general could not be overemphasized. "Lajes is a key strategic location and that's been proven time and again over the last decade," he said.

Gehman said Lajes was the bridge between the U.S. and Europe, Africa

and Southwest Asia and that it would remain that way for the foreseeable future.

"The joint atmosphere is one of the strengths of this base," he said. "Today there are Marine and Navy aircraft here and that jointness is what will allow Lajes to continue to be a key base."

Overall the admiral said he was enthusiastic when he arrived and that was due in large part to the people.

"Team Lajes is a great way of looking at who you are here," he said. "You combine three services and Portuguese military and civilian members into a small community that truly is a team in every aspect of not only your operations, but your daily lives."

"I've met with Brigadeiro Jorge Lindner Costa and Col. Jose Sola Da Cruz from Portuguese Air Base No. 4," Gehman said, "and I'm confident that there is a strong and continually building relationship between the U.S. forces here and your Portuguese hosts. I look forward to visiting again."

65th Medical Group captain selected for promotion to major

Capt. (Dr.) John Andrus, 65th Medical Group family practice physician, was selected earlier this week for promotion to major.

Andrus is expected to pin on the new rank in May of 1999.

Lajes schools release semester honor rolls

High school

4.0 and above — Kevin Ballantine, Ian Birch, Bill Blake, Grace Blake, Desiree Freeman, Cheryl Gibson, Danielle Greene, Ashley Herard, Steven Keith, Kent Murra, Victoria Pierce, Nicole Ruff, Brett Skates, Kyle Smith, Aylin Tanyeri, Bilge Tanyeri, Holly Van Liere and Brigitte Wetz.

3.5 - 3.99 — Jonathan Allamani, Nina Allamani, Michael Allen, Veronica Anderson, Jennifer Andrades, Shayna Brothers, Stephen Cable, Brian Coleman, Jennifer Davis, Gordon Ford, William Gusoski, Jonathan Hernandez, Michelle Hites, Kathryn Keith, Nicholas King, James Kohlwe, Christopher Lalich, Curtis Monette, Heath Murra, Jack Murra, Jonathan Pereira, Rebecca Peterson, Megan Pierce, Chasity Raybuck, Lindsey Sakos, Stephanie Sakos, Steven Shaffer, Andrea Sibole, Jenna Smith, Joyce Smith, Travis Steele, Melissa Veltman, Collette Winzerling and William Yoakum.

3.0- 3.49 — Michael Addis, Victoria Andry, John Blake, Lamar Boynes, Walter Boysen, Danielle Brooks, Tonya Chase, Amber Crouch, Joey Crouch, Jason Decaccia, Jasen Epperson, Charlotte

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BOTH OUR VISITORS, AND OURSELVES**



Honor roll Continued from Page 1

Ford, Latoya Hall, Elysa Hamrick, James Hamrick, Antonia Harris, Antwain Harris, Brad Henry, Kevin Hodge, Aaron Juracek, Casey Kahle, Kate Kelley, Bryan Komenda, LaCaille Lee, Elizabeth Maltos, Jeremiah Noack, Kevin Ramirez, Floyd Raven, Minnie Raven, Pamela Raven, Candice Treasure, J.C. Van Liere and Adam Winterton.

Elementary school

4.0 — Ken Kaczmarek, Jessica Komenda, Brittney Young, Myles Pilkay, Emily Newton, Zach Walch, Justin Brandenburg, Justin Nadal, Nicholas Addis, Paul Austria, Dustin Burrill, Rebecca Hammes, Justin Wells, Craig Metzger, Kyle Daugherty, Kelsey Sakos, Rachel Hammes, Courtney Knickerbocker, Jennifer Danielson, Lindsey Keith, Kelly Birch, Justin Carlton, Kelly McGrath and Nichole Walch.

3.5 - 3.99 — Eric Allen, Lindsey Schaefer, Noel Carpenter, Morgan Hale, Felicia Amaro-Graden, David Hapney, Rachel Worthington, Candace Davis, Amanda Kriesel, Robert

Ross, Victoria Lalich, Jon Michel Monheim, Crystal Fowler, Kayla Curcio, Jessica Martin, Mike Brown, Beth Liles, Matthew Mangan, Ben Enfield, Stephanie Munnell, Alyssa Rosenberg, Adria Lipscomb, Tiffany Brandenburg, Erin Goelze, April Beckesh, Sarah Gill, Tyler Renner, Laura Burke, Aurora Scott, Cherrelle Wright, Shawna Evans, Ryan Murphy, Robert Isaacs and Damian Walker.

3.0 - 3.49 — Vicky Crawford, Don Williams, Nick Babcock, Chris Davis, Hope Haddon, Johanna Magallanes, Jacob Peterson, Eric Reese, Jared Decaccia, James Kahle, Brian Shearer, James Duval, John Kovach, Alex Brown, Tony Ferguson, Stephanie Hallingstad, Alex Rupe, Kevin Germain, Robert Garza, Candace Burkhardt, Meredith Langley, Philip Andrus, Joshua Noack, Ashley White, Carly Chase, Sean Graydon, Mark Heim, Lyndee Winterton, Andrew Conley, Ryan Maassen, Daniel Johnson and Jason Repass.

Lajes Team Player



SrA. Areda Battle

Unit - 65th Services Division - Front desk clerk, lodging

DEROS - May 1999

How do you contribute to the Team

Lajes mission - By ensuring guests who are in transit, are PCSing in or out and who are TDY get quality guest service from check-in to check-out, at the Mid-Atlantic Lodge.

Like least about Lajes - The people who have negative attitudes because they haven't taken advantage and made the best of their situation here at Lajes.

Like most about Lajes - How the people are so close at work and off duty and their willingness to help in different situations.

police blotter

The police blotters are true incidents which have affected the members of Lajes Field for the period of Feb. 3 to 9.

ASSAULT:

Feb. 7 — Malicious mischief/DoDDS. A family member was hit by a rock thrown by a Portuguese youth.

BREAKING & ENTERING/THEFT OF PROPERTY

Feb. 3 — Off base, secured. Persons unknown broken into an off-base facility and took several personal and food items.

Feb. 8 — Shed, secured. A member said his shed had been broken into by persons unknown who took several items.

Feb. 9 — Off-base, secured. Persons unknown broken into a facility and rummaged through a classroom. No items were reported missing.

BURGLARY:

Feb. 3 — Secured. A member found unknown persons in the quarters. Some currency had been stolen.

DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY:

Feb. 8 — T-131, dormitory. A member broke a fire extinguisher box in the dorm and was injured in the process.

<u>Incident</u>	<u>Feb. 3 - 9</u>	<u>98 CYTD</u>
Assaults	1	2
Domestic Assaults	0	1
Burglary	1	1
B&E/Sheds	1	1
B&E/Gov't Bldgs.	2	12
Larceny	2	12
Vehicle Accidents	2	12
DUI	0	0
Vandalism	2	4

Sorties

Feb. 2 - 8

ACC - 0
DOD - 5

AMC - 12
ALLIED - 10

DUI

Last DUI - Sept. 15
Days without a
DUI - 151

*The Next Strong Cajun is due
Feb. 17*



Civil engineers take 5 ACC, two Air Force awards in 1997

Capt. Jeff Heiderscheidt
65th Civil Engineer Squadron

The 65th Civil Engineer Squadron recently won five awards from Headquarters Air Combat Command and two Air Force awards for 1997.

Paul Parker, chief of the operations directorate at Air Combat Command, presented awards to four individuals and announced an Environmental Flight award on behalf of the ACC Civil Engineer, Brig. Gen. Earnest Robbins. According to Parker, "Lajes Field won the most awards of any Civil Engineering unit in the command." These awards demonstrate the quality of people that make up the 65th CES team. "This is simply outstanding and is a credit to everyone in the civil engineering organization," said Lt. Col. Timothy Gaffney, 65th CES Commander.

Individuals from the unit won the following: Outstanding Civil Engineer (CE) Military Technician of the Year; Outstanding CE Military Civilian Supervisor of the Year; Outstanding CE Civilian Technician of the Year; and the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Goddard Medal. Additionally, the squadron 1997 ACC Environmental Quality Award (Overseas).

Two of these winners went on to win at the Air Force level. The squadron won the 1997 Air Force Environmental Quality Award (Overseas) and had a runner-up for Air Force Outstanding CE Military Technician of the Year.

TSgt. Quinton Yoakum is an environmental technician and ACC Outstanding CE Military Technician of the Year. He was also runner-up for Air Force level award. According to Gaffney, Yoakum has "vastly improved pest management here at Lajes, while working hard to protect the environment." Yoakum implemented integrated pest management techniques to protect 1,100 acres of base grounds and 1.8 million square yards of airfield pavements, while slashing pesticide use by 65 percent.

Delia Tristao-Martinez is a budget assistant and ACC's Outstanding CE Civilian Supervisor of the Year. "Delia makes sure funding is available and is known for her attention to detail," said Gaffney. Tristao-Martinez discovered and corrected numerous errors and inappropriate charges saving almost \$120,000, and resolved over \$600,000 in payments that had been charged to the wrong accounts or fiscal years.

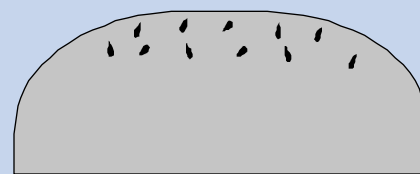
Further, she improved the tracking and balancing systems in her section.

David Clark is a locksmith and ACC Outstanding CE Civilian Technician of the Year. Clark provides critical locksmith services for more than 3,000 Team Lajes members and 850 facilities. He's "a one-man dynamo you can always count on," said Gaffney. Clark never stops trying to improve base security. He re-keyed numerous buildings, including the chapel and all AAFES facilities, and replaced the base's manual safe lock system with a more secure electrical system. He also planned, designed, and installed a new electrical lock system at the commissary, reducing property loss by over 10 percent.

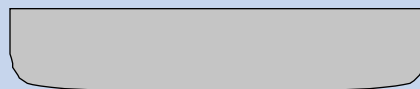
TSgt. Paul Clark, Jr. is a construction inspector and ACC's 1997 recipient of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Goddard Medal. According to Parker, "this award is given to someone in the construction field who has superior technical ability and is a recognized leader." Gaffney said, "Paul's first rate technical ability made him the easy choice for managing all high visibility construction contracts at Lajes." Clark oversaw construction of a \$2 million Beira Mar Housing renovation, completing the project ahead of schedule. He also guided the \$2.4 million consolidated club renovation to successful completion, identifying and overcoming major design deficiencies.

The 65th CES Environmental Flight received the ACC and Air Force Environmental Quality Awards (Overseas). Jeff Domm, environmental flight chief, pointed out that, "this isn't just an environmental flight or CE award, it is a Team Lajes award; it would not have been possible without the efforts of every member of Lajes." The base reduced solid waste by 15 percent by increasing paper recycling more than 400 percent and beginning to recycle aluminum cans. Additionally, hazardous waste generation was reduced by almost 50 percent in 12 months. Lajes Field has reduced hazardous waste more than 80 percent since 1992, smashing the Air Force and ACC goals of 50 percent reduction by 1999.

"These award winners have excelled over the past year. The awards are the result of sustained superior performance within the squadron," said Gaffney. "They are representative of the outstanding work done every day by every member of the Civil Engineering Team. We look at every challenge, not as a problem, but as an opportunity to excel."



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Saturday through
Monday near the club.
15,000 Whoppers and
BK pies will be available.**



Tax Season

Laws change IRS contributions

1st Lt. Dane McKenzie
Base tax advisor

Beginning in 1997, if you file a joint return and have a non-working spouse, you may be able to contribute \$2,000 to your spouse's IRA. This means that the total combined contributions that can be made to your IRA and your spouse's IRA can be as much as \$4,000 for the year. Contributions for tax year 1997 may be made through April 15, 1998. Be sure to write on your check "1997 Contributions" to receive credit for the proper tax year.

If you have been disallowed the deduction for IRA contributions in the past, Congress has passed a law that may benefit you. Beginning in 1998, the phaseout amounts for deducting contributions to an IRA when you are covered under an employer retirement plan have increased for most taxpayers. The amounts are based on your filing status and adjusted gross income. There are also more choices in the types of IRAs available.

If you have questions on this or any other tax issues, call the tax center at Ext. 22420 or 22421. The legal office tax officer is SSgt. Bobbie Garrison, who is responsible for the overall operation of the tax program. If you have questions, comments, or recommendations for the tax center, call Ext. 23546.



action lines

The Action Line is your tool to help Team Lajes. However, before you call, try to resolve your issue through the appropriate agency. You may remain anonymous, but for a direct answer, please leave your name and phone number. Additionally, answers to anonymous inquiries will normally not be published. Use the following numbers to help solve problems through base agencies.

Family support	23122
AAFES manager	23209
Commissary	26124
Hospital	23615

Civil engineer	26113
Housing	26251
Chaplain	23411
CE customer service desk	23335
Security police	26114
Telephone service desk	119
Supply squadron	23832
TMO inbound	25168
TMO outbound	24213
Personnel flight	23612
Services	21322/
beeper 169-1174	

Action Line 24240



Col. Rod Gibson, 65th Air Base Wing Commander, presents a certificate of appreciation to Maj. Anthony Bryant, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron. The certificate and a plaque were presented on behalf of the 8th ESB, U.S. Marine Corps who were on the island recently.

Flag pole ropes

We live in Upper T and I'm just wondering if it would be possible to secure the flag pole ropes at night so that when the wind blows, the hardware that holds the flag is not constantly banging against the poles. This keeps Upper T residents awake at night.

The security forces squadron will now make sure that the lanyards are securely tied and the metal clips are secured below the metal spacing plate. This should preclude the metal clips from banging against the flagpole during high winds. If

the ropes should become unsecured and the clips are banging against the pole, call the law enforcement desk at Ext. 23222.

Beira Mar Gate open

I know you've been saying for a long time that you've been fighting hard for us to get the Beira Mar Gate open and I'm sure you're sick of hearing about it, but...thank you! It's been wonderful to have the gate open this weekend, especially since I'm due to PCS. I work shifts so walking up that hill in the dark was never an enjoyment of mine. I'm ecstatic that I'm fortunate enough to see one of the Team Lajes wishes come true before I leave. Good job, sir. Thank you.

I share your excitement. Many people made this happen - especially Brigadeiro Jorge Linder Costa and Air Base No. 4.

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Sealants help prevent decay

Maj. Paul DeVeau
65th Medical Group
Dental Clinic

Editor's note: Some material used in this article has been compiled from American Dental Association releases.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month and the 65th Dental Flight notes that with proper care and regular check ups, children's teeth can last a lifetime.

Tooth decay is caused by bacteria. The bacteria is found in a sticky, colorless film called plaque. For tooth decay to occur, three elements are needed, plaque, food containing sugars and starches and a susceptible tooth. When foods containing sugars and starches are left in the mouth, plaque bacteria produce acids that can dissolve tooth enamel. The sticky plaque holds these acids onto the teeth, where they attack the enamel. After

repeated attacks, the enamel may break down, forming a cavity.

To prevent tooth decay, tooth brushing and flossing are needed daily to remove harmful plaque from the teeth of children. They should clean their teeth twice a day with a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste. Flossing will remove plaque that hides between teeth and under the gumline, areas where a toothbrush can't reach.

Dental sealants can help prevent or reduce tooth decay. A sealant is a clear or shaded plastic material that is applied to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth, where decay occurs most often. The sealant acts as a barrier, protecting the decay-prone areas of the back teeth from plaque and acid.

Each tooth takes only a few minutes to seal in the dental office. When the sealant is applied, finger-like strands

penetrate the pits and fissures of the tooth enamel. Although the sealant can't be seen with the naked eye, the protective effect of the strands continues. As a result, it may be several years before another application of sealant is needed. Reapplication of the sealant will continue to protect against decay and may save the time and expense of restoring a decayed tooth. Sealants are checked during a child's dental visit to determine if reapplication is needed.

For a long-lasting, healthy smile, the 65th Dental Flight recommends a total prevention program including regular dental visits, the use of a fluoride toothpaste, daily brushing and flossing and avoiding frequent between meal snacks. If these measures are followed and sealants are applied to a child's teeth, the risk of decay can be reduced or even eliminated.



This week is the third part of a series on the Azorean Islands. This week Ed looks at Graciosa.

The island of Graciosa, or the white island, is located about 31 miles northwest of Terceira and it has a surface area of nearly 24 square miles. It was given the nickname of white island due to its landscape and the names given to certain places such a village called "Pedras Brancas" (white stones) or "Serra Branca" (white mountain).

The island's discovery date is uncertain although it is believed sailors from nearby Terceira found it in 1450.

Dedicating its energies to



agriculture and cultivation of grapes from the very beginning, Graciosa was already exporting wheat, barley, wine and brandy in the 16th century. With a predominantly agricultural economy, carrying on all its trade with Terceira, which had a port visited by large ships and which was the economic center, Graciosa suffered the attacks and pillaging of the corsairs who were plowing the oceans during the 16th and 17th centuries.

Concentrating on agriculture, livestock, wine, and dairy, the island has preserved its characteristics as a quiet and rural island while accompanying and participating in the progress of the Azores.

The town of Santa Cruz is the seat of the only municipality on the island and is where most of the island's economic activity is concentrated. This picturesque town features two large water reservoirs in the center of town (used in bygone times for cattle).

Every August the town decorates to host the Festival of Senhor Santo Cristo dos Milagres, a religious festival that

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attracts people from all over Graciosa and from other islands as well as immigrants from the U.S. and Canada. Places to visit in this village include the Church of Santo Cristo, the museum and Mount of Ajuda.

The town of Praia is the second most important where the island's main port is located.

Perhaps the island's most visited and known attraction is the Sulfur Cavern, a volcanic phenomenon located in the interior of Caldeira that is very rare. This a former volcano crater at the bottom of which there is a lake of cold, sulfurous waters where one can still see volcanic activity. The volcanic ridge of Caldeira dominates the southwest landscape of the municipality. From its summit

one has astonishing views over the islands of Terceira, São Jorge, Pico and Faial.

The village of Carapacho, located by the sea, also deserves a special reference. This is where the island's camping ground and the thermal spa are located. The village is also a summer resort in great demand. Other villages worth visiting are Guadalupe, Luz, Vitoria, Feiteira and Pedras Brancas.

SATA - Air Azores flies to Graciosa from Terceira Monday through Saturday. The island can also be reached by ferry during the summer months. For more information visit the following web site: http://www.geocities.com/The_tropics/2140/graciosa.html.

Visiting an era of American history

MSgt. Dennis Jones *Social actions*

Throughout the year every military installation around the world celebrates different ethnic observances. This month's observance is Black History Month.

In 1926 Carter Woodson initiated this observance as a week, over the years Black History week, has become Black History Month.

Some people believe that when we have an ethnic observance it is only for the group of people who belong to that particular ethnic group. The

actual purpose of any ethnic observance, is to ensure harmonious relations, by promoting open communication, cross cultural awareness, and respect for the diverse cultures on the base.

Every ethnic observance has a national theme and this year's Black History Month theme is "African Americans in Business: A Path Toward Empowerment."

Throughout American history, there have been many successful black business people. Today, I will talk about two of them - Madame C. J. Walker, and Garret A. Morgan.

In 1905, Walker founded a

cosmetic and hair product business for black women. Although she was not the first black American to found a cosmetic company, she revolutionized the black hair industry and challenged accepted marketing strategies with her door to door approach.

Due to her sheer will and determination she became one of the first American women of any race to become a millionaire through her own efforts.

Everyone in the military should know about Garret Morgan.

Morgan invented something that is near and dear to every

military member - the gas mask. For his effort he was awarded the gold medal at the second international exposition of safety and sanitation in New York in 1914.

In 1923 he received a patent for a device, that to this day keeps on our toes whenever we are driving - he invented the traffic signal. This invention was also used in England and Canada.

Next week we will talk about Lt. Col. Herbert Carter a retired Tuskegee Airman who will be the guest speaker tomorrow at the Black History Month Banquet.



Operators connect Lajes to the World

Wendy Swan
Volunteer staff writer

On a typical eight hour day the base operators receive 370 calls. Usually, there is an average of three operators answering them. Once the clock strikes midnight there are only two.

Avelino Ormonde is the chief of telephone operations. Ormonde is very accommodating and he solves many problems with the help of his 14 staff members.

"There are 12 telephone operators, one military member and 11 of whom are Portuguese and are bilingual.

The staff work on a rotational basis: swings, days and nights," said Ormonde. In addition, A1C Shawn McIlhenny, internal network administrator, maintains the computer and its databases and Manuela Sousa handles billing issues. "Our staff philosophy is to try and offer solutions or alternatives to better assist our customers," said Ormonde.

The operators use a series of databases - for example: the Lajes Field directory, emergency services directory and morale call directory to direct calls and answer customers' questions. "The operators have compiled a special directory consisting of the frequently asked numbers," said Ormonde. This directory has a medley of numbers from a

hairdresser in Praia da Vitoria to embassy numbers to off-base vehicle registration. "Our operators have carefully listed these numbers and others to quickly assist customers who call," said Ormonde. This reference material is not only helpful but it saves time.

It could take an English speaking person a long time to translate the Azorean telephone directory using a pocket dictionary.

Probably the only obstacle both the operators and customers have to overcome is the language barrier. "At times what is considered "rude" in America may not be in the Portuguese culture. For example, an operator answering a simple "no" to a question can be perceived as unhelpful in the mind of the American. However, a Portuguese may more readily except that the operator does not have the answer; an American would prefer if the operator would provide alternatives or suggestions to solve their query," according to Ormonde.

The operators also assist active military



Eduarda Silveira, a base operator, talks to a customer. The switching console in front of her allows the operators to switch between DSN, local, morale, information and off-base phone lines.



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members and DOD sponsored civilians with connecting their morale calls.

Two morale or two 1-800 calls or one of each are issued on a weekly basis. "If you are calling during peak hours and your 15 minutes are up, while you are in the middle of placing an order to a store, ask the operator for a few more minutes and he/she will most likely let you finish your order," said Ormonde. This is the only leeway the operators are granted, they can not issue you additional morale or 1-800 calls. The teen program, however, grants teens the use of one call per school quarter if they obtain a 3.0 grade point average or they volunteer at least 25 hours of community service. Moreover, if a military member or DOD employee has a personal emergency, a call may be given to that individual.

A personal emergency call has to be arranged with the individual's first sergeant. If the emergency call is warranted the first sergeant will issue the individual a code he or she will have to relay to the operator at the time the call is placed. "Every month new codes are given to all the first sergeants to avoid misuse," said Ormonde.

A 911 emergency call will connect a person to the security forces, fire station and the hospital simultaneously. "A three-way conference system is activated when you place the 911 call," said Ormonde. When calling from off-base dial 540-117 and you will be automatically connected to the emergency forces.

Whether you want to call the Crossroads Snack Bar for a pizza or the United States to do some shopping, the operators are available and ready to help keep Lajes connected to the world, 24-hours a day.



Filomena Pereira, helps a customer with a 1-800 call. People are authorized one 1-800 call and one morale call each week. The calls can be mixed and matched but no more than two per week are allowed.



Ana Gomes, handles one of the more than 370 calls the operators will take in a single day. Calls range from the routine phone number requests to the more obscure such as "what time does the base exchange open."



25th Air Force Assistance Fund campaign - Feb. 25 to March 31

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) — The 25th annual Air Force Assistance Fund campaign begins Feb. 25, and runs through March 31. "Commitment to Caring" is the campaign's permanent theme. Last year's contributions totaled nearly \$4 million.

The annual AFAF campaign raises money for four charitable organizations benefiting active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired Air Force people and their families, including surviving spouses and their families.

The organizations are:

- The Air Force Aid Society. The official charity of the Air Force helps eligible active-duty and retired Air Force members with financial emergencies. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members on active duty may also receive assistance. Assistance is provided through grants or interest-free loans for such things as food, rent, utilities and other essential goods and services. The society also sponsors an education grant program, and a spouse tuition assistance program overseas.

- The Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation Inc. The home is located in Fort Walton Beach near Eglin AFB, Fla. The home foundation provides indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people

with housing facilities and related services. Those eligible are widows and widowers, 55 and older, whose spouses were retired enlisted persons from the regular Air Force, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve. The home foundation also cares for retired Air Force enlisted members, 62 and older, and their spouses.

- The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund. The village, located in San Antonio, is a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The fund contributes to the support of indigent widows.

- The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation. This foundation was established in 1990 to provide free temporary financial assistance to indigent officers' widows. Beginning this year, the LeMay Foundation will also now provide free temporary financial assistance to enlisted widows and widowers.

Donations to the AFAF campaign can be made through cash or check contributions or payroll deduction.

For more information on the AFAF, local goals and contribution procedures, contact your local installation or unit project officers.

Denver to send corrected W-2s to 200,000 airmen

DENVER (AFNS) — The Defense Finance and Accounting Service announced recently that a software problem has resulted in erroneous information being placed in block 13 of some Air Force members' 1997 W-2 forms.

This error affected more than 200,000 airmen and will result in DFAS issuing Forms W-2C, corrected W-2s, for those Air Force members.

Although there are a large number of airmen whose W-2 contains this error, DFAS does not believe that each and every one of these airmen's tax returns are impacted. For example, in calendar year 1997, there were less than 800 airmen who claimed advanced Earned Income Credit, which is a good indicator that potentially a very small number of airmen qualify for and/or will claim EIC. However, to be certain that all airmen who may be eligible for EIC receive a correct W-2, DFAS will issue W-2Cs to all affected airmen.

Block 13, the nontaxable earned income block, is used in combination with taxable income to determine if an airman is eligible for EIC. The nontaxable earned income amount is made up of the actual payments of basic allowance for quarters or the amount forfeited if the airman lives in government quarters, basic allowance for subsistence and income earned in a tax exempt area, such as a combat zone.

It is important to understand that income earned in a tax exempt area, while excluded as taxable income, is still considered income for the purpose of entitlement to EIC.

As a general rule, members who have more than one child and have a total combined taxable and nontaxable earned income of less than \$29,290 are eligible to receive the credit. Members without children who have a total combined taxable and nontaxable earned income of less than \$9,770 are eligible for the credit.

DFAS will mail the W-2Cs no later than Feb. 15. Airmen who believe they may be eligible for EIC should wait until a W-2C is received before filing the 1997 tax return. Airmen who have already filed their 1997 tax returns and are eligible for EIC will need to file an amended tax return. See your unit tax adviser for details.



Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Joe Cupido

Heavy load

Ground crews of the 305th Rescue Squadron position one of the two HH-60G helicopters before loading it into the C-17 Globemaster III transport aircraft. This was the first time two of the aircraft were loaded on the C-17. The helicopters were put in an effort to verify they could be transported in the C-17 without removing their refueling probes confirming the Globemaster III as an option to mobilize the helicopters for deployments.



Sports briefs

Bowling training camp

People interested in applying for the Air Force bowling training camp should submit an Air Force Form 303 through the fitness center. The camp will be held March 30 through April 4 at Robins AFB, Ga., and the Armed Forces Bowling Championships will be held at Camp Lejeune, N.C. April 5 through 11.

The selection of male and female bowlers for the camp is based primarily on averages for a minimum of 24 games. The averages must be established at the installation where the bowler is assigned although a waiver may be requested for unusual circumstances including military commitments that preclude establishing an average at the bowler's base of assignment.

Bowlers will be ranked and selected according to their base average and 10 additional points will be added to that average if the applicant participated in the Armed Forces Bowling Championships during the past three years and placed in the top five in the all-events category. Ten additional points may be added based upon a bowler's competitive record in high level civilian competition - such as qualifying for Team USA.

For more information, call the fitness center at Ext. 25151.

Golf tournament

The 65th Logistics Group will host an Expert Aimers Golf Tournament March 27. The cost is \$10 per person in a four-person select-shot format. For more information or to sign up for the tournament, call SMSgt. Franklin Smith at Ext. 23616.

OPEN

"Effective March 1, the Chase Fitness Center will open at 5 a.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call Ext. 26126."

Operations Support Squadron takes basketball crown

AMSS takes first game, OSS holds on to take final

SSgt. Rosaire Bushey
Editor

The 65th Operations Support Squadron intramural basketball team held off an attacking Air Mobility Support Squadron team to claim the crown in the base intramural basketball championships Feb. 6.

Going into the final OSS needed a single win and AMSS needed two to claim the championship. Although AMSS won the first game 61-58, they couldn't hold off OSS who took the second game and the title 79-69.

The OSS center, 6'2" Mark Smallwood, said his team wanted to go in and win the first game and be done. "We have some guys on our team," the 26-year old said, "who aren't in the shape they used to be. None of us wanted to play a second game if we didn't have to."

But they did have to because AMSS's Daron Hampton hit three from long range and five of six from the line giving him a game high 24 points in the first game and Rick Patton added another 20 for AMSS.

"We knew going in it was going to be tough," said AMSS coach Greg Goodrich. "We figured if we could establish our inside game and not rely on jump shots we'd be okay and for the first game that worked."

Goodrich said his team was aggressive in the paint and outrebounded the OSS squad which helped give them the first win.

Fifteen minutes after game one the teams took the floor again in what one would think would be a slower, lower scoring game. One would be wrong. An additional 29 points were scored in game two, but most of them came from OSS's Nate Crawford who hit four three-pointers, sunk an unbelievable 12 of 13 free throws and totalled 34 points.

"Nate's been a scoring machine all year," Smallwood said. "There were lots of fouls early in the second game and that helped us because

we were shooting pretty well from the line."

Goodrich knows fouls were a factor but said his team had to foul to try to get the ball back early in the second game. Unfortunately for AMSS, their opponents hit on 90 percent of their shots.

"When the second game started we didn't establish our inside game," he said, "that's why they opened up with a 20-4 run against us. Had we been able to get set up early, that probably wouldn't have happened."

By the time AMSS got back on track the team had run out of gas and while Hampton and Patton were sinking baskets, they couldn't content with OSS's Crawford.

"When we got tired, Crawford just took over and dominated by putting away the threes," Goodrich said.

"As a team, we never gave up even when down," Goodrich said. "Daron hit a three, got a steal; Rick hit a three and we got within a few and then Crawford went coast to coast on us and ended the game with a slam dunk."

Smallwood said that with as little as a minute left, AMSS rallied to within about four points, largely on the outside shooting of Daron Hampton who nailed seven three-pointers.

But it was fouls that made the difference - the difference in score was within a basket of the difference in the number of foul shots taken by each team.

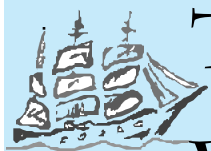
For OSS the championship ends more than a year of bridesmaid basketball.

"Last year we had a decent regular season," Smallwood explained. "We made it to the playoffs and got beat twice in a row. In the summer league we won the regular season outright and we lost in the tournament. It was good to win this one."

Smallwood said that the team has been very fortunate this year not to lose key players to permanent change of station moves or long term temporary duty assignments.

"We had a good team that worked well together and we came through when we needed to against a tough opponent," Smallwood said.

The OSS championship team included: Derrick Cox, Nate Crawford, Dan McIlhenny, Chris Kahle, Brian Evans, Mark Smallwood, Cory Schall, Quinton Owens, William Cobb and Herb Jackson.



TRADE WINDS

Saturday

Lunch: Hungarian goulash, roast turkey, pasta fagioli
Dinner: Creole spaghetti, spinach lasagna, yankee pot roast

Sunday

Lunch: Hamburger parmesan, grilled ham slice, baked and fried chicken
Dinner: Bratwurst, roast fresh ham, turkey spinach delight

Monday

Lunch: Peixe assado, meatloaf, curried chicken with brown rice
Dinner: Turkey curry, jaegerschnitzel, healthy heart chili macaroni

Tuesday

Lunch: Spaghetti, chicken alcatra, gingered pepper steak
Dinner: Sukiyaki, szechwan chicken, manicotti

Wednesday

Lunch: Oriental steak, salsicha a espanol, hot and spicy chicken
Dinner: Barbecue beef cubes, oven fried fish, broccoli and turkey casserole

Thursday

Lunch: Pimientos rocheados, roast fresh ham, spaghetti with tomato sauce
Dinner: Salisbury steak, roast turkey, herbed baked spinach

Jan. 23

Lunch: Yakisoba, rojos, baked and fried chicken
Dinner: Swedish meatballs, baked garlic fish, vegetable stuffed peppers

*(Note: Menu subject to change without notice.
Daily hotline menu:
Ext. 24248.)*

Briefs

Free skating

The Lajes Schools Parents, Teachers and Students Association, PTSA, is sponsoring a free skating party for PTSA members and their families Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lajes skating rink. People who are not members of the PTSA can get a memberships at the door.

Community center notes

- There will be a Sega/Nintendo tournament Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the conference room. The cost is \$2 and there will be prizes for first and second place. The three age groups for the competition are: 5 to 9 years; 10 to 18 years; and 18 and up.
- There will be a baby diaper derby Feb. 28 from noon to 3 p.m. in the ballroom. Infants three and younger are eligible. Awards will include certificates for chubbiest legs, cutest cheeks, cutest smile, curliest hair, fastest crawler and fastest daddy diaper changer. Sign up by Feb. 24th.
- There will be a flea market Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the ballroom. Cost for tables for people who would like to sell items is \$7.50.

Youth program notes

- The following are youth program supertimes for children ages 6 and older for February. For more information, call Ext. 23273.
- Make apple tree treats, Tuesday, from 3 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$1 with a membership card.
 - Make hair scrunches, Thursday, from 3 to 4 p.m.
 - Make ashanti masks, Feb. 24, from 3 to 4 p.m.
 - Enjoy a hot shot competition, Feb. 26,

from 3 to 4 p.m.

The following are youth program socials for children ages 6 and older for February.

- There's a party and dance Feb. 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. for everyone whose birthday is in February. The cost is \$2 with a membership card.
- There's a social Feb. 27, from 7 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$2 with a membership card.

Troy state term III

Registration for Troy State's term III will continue through Feb. 20. There will be two eight-day classes at Lajes — Comparative Government, from March 14 to 21; and Theory and Ideology of International Relations, from April 4 to 11. Troy State will also offer three distance education classes: East Asia in World Affairs, National Security Policy, and International Economics. For more information on any Troy State class, call Pat Conley at Ext. 23375 or stop by Bldg. T-426, Room 225 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FSC classes

- There will be an 'All About IRAs' class Feb. 25 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the family support center classroom. The seminar will discuss individual retirement accounts and the tax advantages associated with different IRA plans.
- A seminar on how to pay for your kids' college education will be held Wednesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the family support center classroom.
- A space-A and environmental morale leave seminar will be held Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon.

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- Free 1983 Maxima with current inspection with purchase of cottage G-203 right next to hospital gate, three bedrooms, one bath, newly renovated interior, fenced yard and fireplace. Asking \$9,800 OBO. Call Ext. 24134. Available now.
- Cottage H-127, \$8,000 OBO. Cottage is 1,150 square feet with two large bedrooms, large kitchen, large living room and dining

room. Ceiling fans throughout, private driveway and nice front and back yards. Must see! Also, Goldstar 20" TV, brand new, cable ready, \$200; 55 gallon fish tank and stand, all accessories included, \$300 OBO; Florida Bahama vacation package for two. Nine days of fun in the sun. Call Ext. 28236 for more information.

Classified ads run on a space available basis for two weeks.



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Play group meeting

The community center is holding an organizational meeting March 10 at 6 p.m. for people interested in forming a base theatre group. For more information, call Ext. 24135.

ESC notes

- The enlisted spouses club will have their spring bazaar March 14 at the community center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contracts are available at the CC for anyone interested in reserving a table at this year's event. Completed contracts must be sent to Kim Skates by Feb. 28. For more information, call Ext. 28237.

- The ESC will have a Valentine's carnation sale at the club Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. Flowers are \$10 for 12, \$5 for 6 or \$1 each.

OWC notes

- The officers wives club will have a luncheon Mardi Gras celebration Thursday at 11 a.m. at the club. Reservations are needed by Wednesday and can be made by calling Ext.

28437 or 28824.

- The OWC will have a table at the community center's Feb. 21 flea market. Donations are needed. For more information, call Ext. 27946.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for sales only. The shop will be closed Monday for the U.S. holiday. Call Ext. 23567 for more information.

Car wash

The Tri-Service Top Three will have a car wash Saturday and Feb. 28 at the commissary from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations will be accepted to wash vehicles. Money raised will be used to offset ticket prices for the enlisted ball in April.

Parent groups, classes

- The single parent support group will meet Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. in the family support center. For more information, call Ext. 25177.

- A four-week parenting class is being offered at Lajes. The class will be held in the evening for those who can't take a class during the day time. For more information, call Ext. 25177.

Diabetes workshop, lecture

There will be a diabetes workshop Feb. 26 at 3 p.m., and a diabetes lecture at 4 p.m. at the

community center. For more information, call Ext. 23889.

Birthday Meal

The Tradewinds Dining Facility will have a quarterly birthday meal March 5 at 5:30 p.m. The meal is free for meal card customers and \$3.20 for cash-paying customers. People are allowed to bring guests who are authorized to eat at the facility.

Day care classes

Family day care providers are needed. Spouses must be at least 18 years old and live in government housing. A three-day course will be offered Feb. 24, 25 and 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Ext. 23188.

OSS lumpia dinner

The 65th Operations Support Squadron Spouses Group sponsors a lumpia dinner sale Feb. 21 in front of the commissary from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Open house

Pentagon Federal Credit Union and AAFES New Car Sales will have an open house Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Refreshments and prize drawings will be available at Bldg. T-202. For more information, call Ext. 23160 or 23173.

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Tip of the Week

Courtesy - Lajes First Sergeant's Council

Are your hands cold? Don't put them in your pockets, instead wear gray/black gloves. But only wear them with an outer garment (Exception: can be worn in BDUs without the outer garment). They can be leather, knitted, tricot, suede or any combination of the listed.

Stay safe, stay happy, and most of all stay in standards. Remember, you represent us all.

Protestant schedule

Saturday — 6:18 p.m. -

Lutheran

Sunday — 9 a.m.

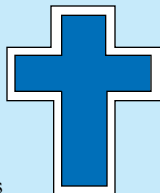
Evangelical service

Noon Gospel service

Catholic schedule

Saturday — 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Mass



Thought for the Week

*"Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path."*

Psalm 119:105



Afghan winners

Lt. Col. Charles Street, 65th Support Group Deputy Commander, drew the tickets for the Friends of the Center/American Red Cross afghan raffle Jan. 30. Lt. Col. William Merry, 65th Air Base Wing, won the adult afghan and MSgt. Romero Allamani, 65th Services Division, won the child's afghan. The raffle raised more than \$300 for the two programs.



Movies

All show times are at 7 p.m. unless indicated. Movies are subject to change without notice. Call Ext. 23302 for information. (V= violence; S=sex; D=drug use; L=language)



Saturday

Anastasia

G 93min - 4 p.m.

One Night Stand

R (S•L•D) 102 min.

- Disney's animated tale of the Russian princess Anastasia.
- Wesley Snipes and Nastassja Kinski. A married man has a one night stand with a married woman he can't shake from his mind. His affair leads to unexpected results when he tries to rekindle the romance.

Sunday

Home Alone 3

PG (V•L•S)

103 min

Special - Children \$2/
Adult \$4 includes
popcorn and beverage

- Alex Linz and Olek Krupa. When a team of international criminals invade his neighborhood, 8-year old Alex Pruitt is the last and only line of defense.

Monday

Rain Maker

PG-13 (V) 137 min -
4 p.m.

One Night Stand

R (S•L•D) 102 min.

- Matt Damon and Claire Danes. A law school grad takes on a huge insurance company and the law firm representing it.

- See Saturday for details.

- Dustin Hoffman and John Travolta. Sam Bailey is a museum security guard who is in a rage over being fired. He inadvertently shoots another employee then takes hostages in a three day standoff.

Tuesday

Mad City

PG-13 (V•L)
120 min

- Bruce Willis and Richard Gere. An assassin is hired to kill a U.S. official. The only man who could stop him is an IRA terrorist who must be persuaded to work with the FBI.

Wednesday

The Jackal

R (V•L)
120 min

Thursday

Alien: Resurrection

R (V•L)
107 min

- Sigourney Weaver and Wynona Ryder. 200 years after Ripley plunged into the acid, the Company reconstructs her DNA along with the queen alien who was in her body.

Feb. 20

Playing God

R (V•L•D)
87 min

- David Duchovny and Timothy Hutton. A surgeon is disbarred and hired by a criminal as his gunshot doctor. He must decide whether to continue his new life or go straight.

SATURDAY

0030 Showbiz Today
0100 Unsolved Mysteries
0200 Olympic Winter Games
0500 Headline News
0530 ABW World News Tonight
0600 CNN/SI
0630 Olympic Winter Games
0900 Aaahh! Real Monsters
0930 Eerie, Indiana
1000 New Explorers
1100 Hometime
1130 America's Family Kitchen
1200 Headline News
1230 Navy/Marine Corps News
1300 Harlem Globetrotters -
20,000 game
1500 Unsolved Mysteries
1600 WWF Superstars
1700 The Entertainers
1800 Headline News
1830 ESPNNews
1900 Married With Children
1930 Everybody Loves Raymond
2000 Drew Carey
2030 Olympic Winter Games

SUNDAY

0000 20/20
0100 Olympic Winter Games
0500 Headline News
0530 Olympic Winter Games
0800 Nightmare Ned
0830 Shakespeare: Animated
Tales
0900 Dr. Quinn: Medicine Woman
1000 Mark Twain And Me
1200 Headline News
1230 Air Force TV News
1300 College Basketball
- California at UCLA
1500 Unsolved Mysteries
1600 WCW Pro Wrestling
1700 Xena Warrior Princess
1800 NASCAR Auto racing -
Daytona 500
2200 Olympic Winter Games

MONDAY

0000 Computer Chronicles
0030 America's BlackForum
0100 Headline News
0130 Wall Street Journal Report
0200 Olympic Winter Games
0500 Headline News
0530 Olympic Winter Games
0800 Busy World of Richard
Scary
0830 Kiana's Flex Appeal
0900 Oprah Winfrey
1000 Port Charles
1030 Guiding Light
1100 General Hospital
1200 Headline News
1230 Wheel Of Fortune
1300 Olympic Winter Games
1500 What a Mess
1530 Ace Ventura: Pet Detective
1600 Captain Planet

1630 Secret World of Alex Mack
1700 Jeopardy
1730 ESPNNews
1800 Headline News
1830 Navy Marine Corps News
1900 Olympic Winter Games

TUESDAY

0000 Late Show With David
Letterman - joined in
progress
0030 Showbiz Today
0100 Headline News
0130 America's Funniest Videos
0200 Olympic Winter Games
0530 ABC World News Tonight
0600 CNN/SI
0630 NBC Nightly News
0700 Olympic Winter Games
0800 Fraggie Rock
0830 Fitness Beach
0900 Montel Williams
1000 Port Charles
1030 Guiding Light
1100 General Hospital
1200 Headline News
1230 Wheel Of Fortune
1300 Olympic Winter Games
1500 Masked Rider
1530 Bobby's World
1600 Bill Nye, Science Guy
1630 Saved by the Bell
1700 Jeopardy!
1730 ESPNNews
1800 Headline News/News 8
1830 CNN Showbiz Today
1900 Sliders
2000 Hard Target
2200 Headline News/News 8
2230 Tonight Show With Jay Leno
2330 Late Show With David
Letterman

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1230 Wheel Of Fortune
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1500 Life with Louie
1530 Madeline
1600 Power Rangers ZEO
1630 Hidden Temple
1700 Jeopardy!
1730 ESPNNews
1800 Headline News/News 8
1830 CNN Showbiz Today
1900 Nick Freno
1930 Simpsons
2000 Star Trek Deep Space Nine
2100 X-Files
2200 Headline News/News 8
2230 Tonight Show With Jay Leno
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0900 Montel Williams
1000 Port Charles
1030 Guiding Light
1100 General Hospital
1200 Headline News
1230 Wheel Of Fortune
1300 Olympic Winter Games
1500 Animaniacs
1530 Goof Troops
1600 Goosebumps
1630 Nick News
1700 Jeopardy
1730 ESPNNews
1800 Headline News/News 8
1830 Showbiz Today
1900 The Single Guy
1930 Seinfeld
2000 Caroline in the City
2030 Boston Common
2100 Law and Order
2200 Headline News/News 8
2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
2330 Late Show with Letterman

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